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CONFIDENTIALITY
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Generally speaking, communications between a patient and mental health provider are confidential and may not be disclosed without your consent, or as otherwise provided by law.

There are exceptions to the general rule of confidentiality which would require that the mental health provider report his or her concerns without the consent of the patient. These occasions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Belief that child abuse or neglect has occurred or may occur
- Belief that an elderly or mentally handicapped person has been or may be abused or neglected
- Reports by a patient of possible sexual abuse or exploitation by a previous therapist
- If you pose an imminent danger to yourself or another person, your physician/therapist may disclose that which is necessary to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

Please also note that if you make your mental health a point of litigation, you implicitly waive the right to confidentiality and your physician/therapist may be compelled to release your records, give a deposition, and/or testify in court. Similarly, in response to your involvement in a criminal or civil lawsuit, including a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, your physician/therapist may be compelled to release your records, give a deposition, and/or testify in court.

If you have any questions or would like additional information please feel free to ask.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY PATIENT

I have read the preceding and understand my rights as a patient.

Patient Signature

Date

Patient Name

DOB